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City Seeks Injunction to Halt Work on 8-Story Apt at Lake

by Virginia Beauchamp

On behalf of the city of Greenbelt, city solicitor Thomas R. Brooks last week filed a memorandum of complaint with the Circuit Court, seeking injunctive relief as a result of actions recently taken by Charles Bresler in the Charlestowne Village site. Bresler is now engaged in clearing the land behind the Charlestowne swimming pool, preparatory to erecting an eight-story apartment building on the lakeside location. Construction of such a building would be a clear violation, city officials say, of both an agreement and a covenant which Bresler signed with the city when he first sought rezoning on the Charlestowne tract some years ago.

According to the terms of these commitments, Bresler agreed to limit construction to a density of 7 units per acre, making a total of 350 units. At the present time he has constructed 144 units and recently took out a permit for 178 additional units (the 8-story apartment building).

At the time of the rezoning of the Charlestowne site, Bresler agreed to keep his construction there in conformity with R-30 zoning, a classification that did not then exist but was expected soon to be adopted. Construction of an apartment building is a violation of R-30 zoning.

In addition, Bresler agreed to deed a piece of 3.3-acre land at the bay of the lake to the city for use as parkland. Although several years have gone by this land has not yet been received. If the apartment building is constructed, city officials say, the promised piece of land could not be dedicated without making the number of units on the remaining land in excess of those allowed by the zoning requirements.

The Police Blotter

The Police Department has a new dispatcher for its 3-11 p.m. shift. He is Arthur Ray Castaldi, 11-V Ridge. Castaldi, a student at Ben Franklin University, started training on Tuesday.

The Department is now looking for a replacement for Sgt. Green. Qualifications include male, age 21-35, high school diploma or equivalent, minimum height of 5'8", good moral character, and in sound physical health.

An attempt to steal a Corvette through the hot wire method was unsuccessful and resulted in a damaged ignition. An attempt to steal another Corvette was equally unsuccessful, but the thief made off with a few items from inside the car.

A breaking and entry using plastic cards was reported at Lakeside North. Approximately \$100 worth of goods were stolen. Chief Lane urges that locks impervious to entry by plastic cards be installed.

A convertible recently struck a hedge and bicycle. The driver was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Restitution will be made.

Two young boys were caught damaging the animal figurines at Candy Cane City. The boys were released to the custody of their parents. The parents will pay the city for the damages.

The police received a telephone call about a crazy man with an axe in the woods near the warehouse. Upon investigation, the crazy man turned out to be an employee of the Smithsonian Institute armed with a net to capture migratory game birds.

An attempted purse snatching occurred at Springhill Lake. The assailant was described as a Negro man aged 23. He was dressed in a dark waist-length jacket, dark pants, and black-top tennis shoes.

HIGH POINTERS AID VOTER REGISTRATION

The students of High Point hung up their championship basketball shoes and went to work on voter registration last Saturday. Some 30 students of High Point worked from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to register 371 new voters in the High Point area. Over and above the 371 figure is an undetermined number of precinct changes and name changes. The students worked within a County-wide campaign sponsored by the League of Women voters, which netted a total of 3219 new registered voters. (Northwestern had 499 new voter registrations.)

The students did a variety of jobs from babysitting to walking in front of Kleins with sandwich signs. Diane Zonfrilli, chairman of the "sandwich sign committee" said that the people had some interesting reactions to the efforts of her committee. One unobservant male observer commented that the committee should grow beards. Diane said: "He seemed disappointed when he found that we were not picketing against the Viet Nam involvement." We asked him if he had read the sign, whereupon he blushed and walked away." The students reported many nearsighted citizens on both sides of the issue.

A special distribution committee was set up to spur voter registration in Springhill Lake. Greenbelters Sue Pritzker, Barbara Bowman, Mary Secrest, Barbara Skolnik, and Tony Roland did a fine job. Their only complaint was that they didn't have enough flyers.

Special commendation goes to former Greenbelter Pete Seidman and Ed Goode who worked on the telephones. Bob Kiernan drove a truck with a loudspeaker borrowed from the good old Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Bob covered every street from College Park to Laurel.

Included in the High Point team of voter-getter-outer were: Dave Douthett, Judy Canaday, Cliff Harkleroad, Bud Patterson, Phil Compi, Bonnie Ellis, Norma Sigler, Earl Knickelbein, Dave Rhoads, Linda Silcott, Betsy Kubis, Lauren Brown, Linda Updike, Barbara Raderman, Larry Lipman, Sharon Chatman, Bucky Dakalar, Raymond Voorhees, Nancy Schutt.

Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club Inc., will open its charter during the month of April. Any person over 55 years of age will be cordially welcomed and former members are invited to become reinstated without the payment of a registration fee. Application blanks may be obtained from any member of the club or are available at the regular weekly meeting held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Youth Center.

The club is sponsoring a trip to Williamsburg next month and plans are under way for trip to Florida in the fall.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DECIDES ON PARCEL 2 FOR 3-SCHOOL COMPLEX

by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince Georges County Board of Education on Thursday, March 24, gave the go-ahead signal to its attorney to enter into a contract with Consolidated Syndicates, Inc. (Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner) to purchase a 60-acre tract on Parcel 2 for a 3-school complex. Instructions were also given to dismiss all pending condemnation suits on the city-preferred Beltway-Lake site, contingent on the finalization of the negotiations.

Prior to the decision, a letter dated March 22 was read from State Superintendent of Schools James A. Sensenbaugh accepting either the Beltway-Lake site or the Parcel 2 site for a senior high school.

Sensenbaugh wrote: "Each of the senior high school sites has advantages and disadvantages. . . One (parcel 2 site) provides the opportunity for a school-park area wherein three schools on contiguous sites could to some measure be operated jointly. The location of the other site (Beltway-Lake) appears to be better in terms of the existing traffic patterns and highways. However, future projections of highways and access streets indicate that the three-school complex will be served equally well."

Cut Thru GHI Property

School engineer Elliot Robertson said that one of the projected highways is a perimeter road that would start at Glenn Dale road near NASA, cross the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, pass by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Administration Building, and then parallel GHI's boundary behind the 42, 44, 46, and 48 courts of Ridge Road to Northway extended.

It would then continue north through parcel 1 and parallel the city's northern boundaries till Kenilworth Ave.

Robertson did not indicate who would pay the cost of such a highway, though the school board has made clear on previous occasions that it considered such off-site roads to be a city responsibility.

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission officials contacted later by the News Review stated that this alternate perimeter road had been submitted to the school board staff several months ago. When it receives the final school plat and survey, MNCPPC will designate the exact location of the road and reserve the necessary rights of way and dedication of land.

However, the final decision on building the road is up to the city, officials said. They estimated the cost of such a road as \$125,000 to \$150,000 a mile, but where the grades are problems, the cost is roughly \$150,000 to \$200,000.

As for immediate access streets to the school property, the city's Advisory Planning Board has before it a proposal to extend Eastway by cutting a roadway through the woodland between the 42 and 44 Ridge Rd. courts.

Other Sites Approved

Sensenbaugh's letter also accepted the proposed elementary and junior high sites (on which both the city and school board have agreed). He expressed concern over their location near the sani-

Council Recommends R-55 Zoning for Parcels 7, 8

The city council voted on Monday, March 28, to recommend to the technical staff of Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission that parcels 7 and 8 be zoned in accordance with the Greenbelt Master Plan. The latter calls for these two areas, which are located between Boxwood Village and Kenilworth Ave., to be reserved for single-family (R-55) zoning.

The motion passed 3 to 2, with councilmen David Champion and Francis White dissenting. They preferred that the city not take a position on this matter at this time because of negotiations pending on other land. Parcel 7 is owned by Charles Bresler and Associates and parcel 8 by Crescent Leasing. The owners have proposed commercial zoning for this land.

At a special meeting last week, the city's Advisory Planning Board recommended that parcel 7 be zoned for R-55 and parcel 8 for R-30 (apartments).

tary land fill, but notes that "The Mayor and City Council assured Mr. Myers (State Supervisor of School Plant Planning) that this is a temporary operation and will no longer exist in that area by the time construction begins on the elementary and the junior high school."

Sensenbaugh concluded by stating that he did not feel that he should superimpose his "judgment on that of the local Board of Education and its staff who have greater and more specific knowledge on the overall needs and of the financial ability of the county to support its school system."

"The Board of Education," he said, "will need to make its selection based on their projection of needs of educational facilities to serve the Greenbelt area and upon the relative cost of the two sites under consideration."

Cost Estimates

In this connection, School Board President W. Carroll Beatty said that the board could not justify to the county taxpayer the additional expense of acquiring the Beltway-Lake site.

Greenbelt residents attending the meeting were not convinced that the additional cost would be significant and urged that the condemnation suits on the Beltway-Lake site, scheduled for April 6 and 13, be carried out. It was pointed out that a jury when making a condemnation award bases its decision on the present zoning of the land—in this case, rural-planned-community—and not on the speculative value. In support of this, there was cited Del. Charles Bresler's recent action at Annapolis (as reported in the Washington Post of March 22) when he disputed the state's purchasing land which was not appraised at its present zoning.

The school board read letters from Greenbelt City Council and GHI reaffirming their offers of land for school sites. The GHI letter stated that its offer was good only if no conditions of zoning were attached. President Beatty said that the school board is not concerned about the zoning situation and therefore has to assume that GHI has withdrawn its offer.

Yuill Offer

School board member Mrs. Louise Yuill wanted to know why, despite GHI's withdrawal, the school board could not still go ahead and purchase 20 acres of the Beltway-Lake site at \$18,000 per acre for a senior high school (supplemented by the 5 acres offered by the city); and also purchase 20 acres in parcel 2 at \$8,000 per acre for an elementary and junior high school (supplemented by the city offer of the 5-acre sanitary land fill).

Beatty told her that this was not possible since the developer under those conditions would want \$16,500 per acre and not \$8,000 per acre for his land on parcel 2. (This assumed that the city and Bresler could not get together on zoning).

Beatty said that the \$16,500 price was based on land sold in the same area near Boxwood Village and that Greenbelt Mayor Edgar Smith and Greenbelt city councilmen at the February 24 meeting agreed that the Boxwood and parcel 2 sites were comparable.

Mayor Smith when contacted later denied this. He said that he and other council members pointed out to the school board that the Boxwood land had utilities, sewage, and roads which was not true of parcel 2 land.

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To Set The Record Straight

One of the most unfortunate aspects of the senior high school controversy has been the difficulty for the facts to catch up with the half-truths and misstatements that are first circulated. The latest example of this took place during the March 24 meeting of the Prince Georges County Board of Education.

(1) The School Board said that GHI rescinded its offer of 10 acres of land for an elementary school.

Fact GHI made it quite plain in its letter of March 16 to Superintendent Schmidt that its offer still stands, provided no conditions of zoning were attached.

(2) The School Board charged that CFPG accused it of a tie-in with a developer.

Fact CFPG pointed out in its letter of December 13, 1965 to Superintendent Schmidt that its reference to tie-in referred to the fact that the developer was hinging his sale of the Beltway-Lake site for a senior high school on the acquiescence of the city council to higher densities on parcels 1 and 2.

(3) The school board said that the Greenbelt Mayor and city councilmen agreed at the February 24 meeting that \$16,500 was a fair value for the land in parcel 2.

Fact Mayor Edgar Smith's statement follows: "The \$16,500 figure refers to land sold in the Boxwood area and is not a proper figure to use for parcel 2. I and other council members pointed out to the school board that the Boxwood land has roads, utilities, sewage, and easily accessible streets, while parcel 2 is raw land and thus worth less."

(4) The school board said that the site rejected when they approved the Beltway-Lake site in January, 1965 was not near the sanitary land fill but was on the northeastern tip of Greenbelt.

Fact The News Review of September 24, 1964 contained the following news item: "Gwynn (Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Prince Georges County) told the News Review that two sites are under consideration - 39 acres behind the American Legion (this includes an elementary school) and 25 acres at the sanitary land fill on Northway extended."

To quote from the January 12, 1965 minutes of the school board: "Mr. Gwynn reported that the Staff committee had met following the Board's direction and viewed the entire Greenbelt area for a senior high school site. After touring the area where Mr. Bresler said he would sell the Board a site, the committee . . . unanimously agreed that they could only recommend that one site and that is the tract northeast of the Capital Beltway and Charles-towne Village."

(5) School board member Thomas Hicks disputed that the majority of Greenbelters favor the Beltway-Lake site.

Fact Petitions protesting the action of the school board in choosing the parcel 2 site were signed by more Greenbelt residents than there were registered voters in the city.

Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

Dear Judy:

In my town they're planning to put up a high school where nobody wants it. What should we do?

Desperate

Dear Desperate:

This is a ridiculous question. Obviously you just made it up. Nobody in their right mind would put a high school where people didn't want it. Do you seriously expect me to believe that your question is legitimate?

P. J.

Dear Judy:

There is a program on TV that has a couple of masked characters in it. I read in the papers that it has a strange effect on children. Do you think this is harmful?

Robin

Dear Robin:

No, I do not see how the children can harm these characters, as long as they stay on their own side of the TV set.

P. J.

Dear Judy:

Here is a wonderful hint I want to share with you. Do you know those little clips made of wire you can buy in a package? Well they are great for fastening papers together.

Genius

Dear Genius:

Well I'd never have thought of that! And you know something else? Those metal things that the cleaner brings the clothes back on are just great for hanging dresses, etc. Hmm. Wonder if this column is making Heloise lose any sleep.

P. J.

Community Church News

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, Greenbelt Community Church will hold a Procession of the Palms by the children at its morning worship service. Envelopes and boxes will be collected for the "One Great Hour of Sharing."

At 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 7, the church will hold a Candlelight Cantata Communion. Members of the adult choir will present J. H. Maunder's sacred cantata "Olivet to Calvary." Soloists will be: Mrs. Edna White, Mr. Walter Andersen, Mr. Harold Hufendick and Mr. Kenneth Keeney. The Church will be open on Good Friday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for silent meditation. There will be two worship services on Easter Sunday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. No Church School will be held but there will be infant care.

The public is cordially invited to join with the members of Community Church in celebrating these Holy Week activities.

AMBULANCE ON DISPLAY

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad will have its late-model Cadillac ambulance and equipment on display at the Center on Saturday, April 2.

The vehicle to be displayed won the trophy as the "Best appearing ambulance in Prince Georges County" at the 1965 Prince Georges Firemens Association Convention which was held at Seat Pleasant, Maryland last September.

The display is in conjunction with the 1966 Ambulance Club Drive which is now going on.

ST. HUGH'S YOUNG ADULT

An "International Night Out" is planned for Saturday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Cars will depart from St. Hugh's School for an Italian, German and a Japanese restaurant. For reservations, please call Lillian Castaldi, 474-9420 as soon as possible.

Peace Corps Test April 9

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Lost on Maiden Voyage!

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago, my son tried out his beloved kite at the Greenbelt Lake. This was no ordinary kite, but one we had purchased during a vacation in Belgium on the North Sea Coast. It is bird shaped, quite large, bright yellow and green. It was caught high up in a tree along the lake side near picnic areas. Daily we went down to check on it. My son even tried to climb the impossible tree. Yesterday afternoon it either blew down or some clever person was able to get it down. We would like to hereby offer a small reward for the kite's return, if only for sentimental reasons. Phone number is 345-2644, and I would gladly come almost anywhere to pick it up.

Mrs. John Lawrence

Center School P.T.A.

The Center School P.T.A. will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at 8 p.m. There will be a speaker, panel and question-and-answer period on "The New Math." Refreshments will be served.

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9:30 a.m. Church School grade 5 through adults. New members' class, 2-B Hillside.

10:45 a.m. Childrens Procession of the Palms. "One Great Hour of Sharing."

6:30 p.m. Senior High Fellowship, Social Hall. Special Palm Sunday program.

8:00 p.m. Young Adults, 2-B Hillside.

Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Cantata Communion.

(A United Church of Christ)

LITTLE LEAGUERS

By Jerry W. Shafer

The Little League season opens April 24, and a fine opening-day program is already being mapped out. Additional funds are needed to purchase the baseball equipment for the coming year. On Saturday, April 2, the Little League boys will be coming around knocking on your door selling candy. We have the same fine candy we had last

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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. Evangelistic Hour
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Congratulations to Karleen Wirtz, 9240 Edmonston, who was awarded second place in the Zoology category, at the recent High Point Science Fair. Her subject was 'Fruit Flies'.

Wayne H. Dickson, 6144 Spring hill, has been appointed Director of Public Relations by the American Association of Nurserymen. Before joining the American Association of Nurserymen, Dickson was the managing editor of Nursery Business and, prior to that, assistant editor of Petroleum and Chemical Transporter. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland's department of journalism and public relations.

Training Deviceman Second Class, John J. Ruppel, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ruppel, 5-B Gardenway, graduated from the

advanced Training Deviceman School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Army Pvt. John P. Dunmire, son of Perry C. Dunmire, 32-F Ridge, completed a wheeled vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, S.C., on March 18.

Levina Peay, 1A Parkway, is the first local lucky winner in the Win-A-Check contest being conducted in this area at Flying A service stations.

When asked what she plans to do with the prize money, Mrs. Peay indicated it would be used to defray medical bills. "I have been ill and out of work for two years. I was so overjoyed when I won that I kissed the man on the cheek." Asked what her reaction would have been if she had won the top prize, \$500, Mrs. Peay replied that "They would have had to carry me out on a stretcher."

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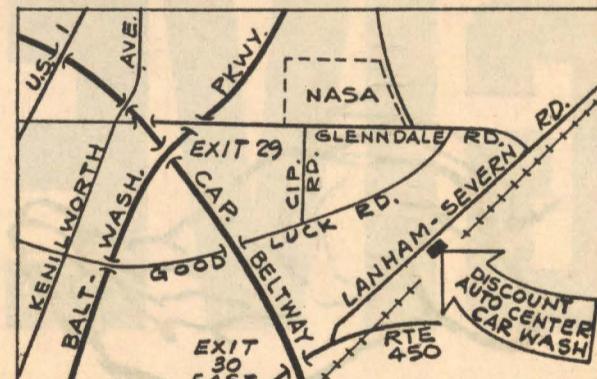
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Blind support for government policies is not patriotism. True patriotism requires responsible criticism and opposition to policies that are wrong.

Our men are fighting Vietnamese who have fought for over 20 years — against Japan, against France and now against us — to free their country of foreign domination and to end ancient ills.

While laying waste the entire country, our government supports an unpopular military dictator, never elected, who has declared that his idol is Hitler. The deliberate destruction of whole villages and the bombing of masses of civilians cannot be excused on any grounds whatever.

This war is illegal, immoral, unjust and unnecessary.

THE U.S. SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM VIETNAM!

As first steps the United States should

**STOP BOMBING NORTH VIETNAM
CEASE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM
NEGOTIATE WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT**

Authorized by Greenbelt Committee for Peace in Vietnam

Recreation Review

by Richard Stevenson

Director of Recreation
Basketball Tournament

The first round of the Fourth Annual Basketball Tournament continues tonight at the Center Elementary School Gym. Last night, the K.A.C. All Stars met Ely's All Stars and N.S.A. played the D. C. Athletic Club. Tonight at 7 p.m., Jack Blank Pontiac plays the Mountaineers and County Drug Store plays Handley Ford at 9 p.m. Last night's winners and tonight's winners meet tomorrow. The finals are scheduled for 9 p.m. Saturday, April 2. Tickets are on sale at the door.

Men's Softball

The teams are all set and are about ready to play. If any last minute entries wish to join the league, all rosters and franchise fees must be into the Recreation Department by April 11. For further information, call 474-6878.

Easter Holiday Schedule

The following schedule will be in effect for the Easter Holidays (Thursday, Friday and Monday):

Roller Skating—9 - 10:30 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd grades

Current Dividend **5%** **Per Year**

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TWIN PINES SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSN.

9 - 9 Weekdays

9 - 5 Saturday

Greenbelt Shopping Center